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SUBJECT: WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT NO. 6 (DEC 26THRU JAN 1, 1976)

1. SUMMARY: WE DO NOT SEE MUCH CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT ON MEXICAN SOLIDERS OR MFJP PERSONNEL PARTICIPATION IN THIS CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH DR. GERTZ AND MEXICAN AG, IN ADDITION TO INDICATING OUR OWN CONCERN, HAVE HELPED TO STIMULATE SOME ACTION ON PART OF GOM. FOREGOING AND ESPECIALLY MEETING OF US AG LEVI AND MEXICAN AG OJEDA PAULLADA AT ACAPULCO ON 12/29/75 PROMPT US TO EXPECT IMPROVED GOM PERFORMANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. ERADICATION:

A. STATISTICAL SUMMARY:

ZONE 1 - STATES OF SONOARA, SINALOA, DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA.

OPIUM: FIELDS DESTROYED - 112; SQ METERS DESTROYED - 693,200;

PLANTS DESTROYED - 1,632,400; HECTARES - 69.32.

ZONE 2 - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA, ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN

NOTHING TO REPORT.

ZONE 3 - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS AND OAXACA.

OPIUM: FIELDS DESTROYED - 126; SQ METERS DESTROYED - 538,329;

PLANTS DESTROYED - 9,752,000; HECTARES A 53.83.

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OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES: FIELDS DESTROYED - 15;

HECTARES - 5.

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS (ALL 3 ZONES).

OPIUM: FIELDS DESTROYED - 626; SQ METERS DESTROYED - 2,806,279;

PLANTS DESTROYED - 36,510,050; HECTARES - 280.6.

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES: FIELDS DESTROYED - 43;

HECTARES DESTROYED - 12..

MARIHUANA: FIELDS DESTROYED - 382; SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,291,577;

PLANTS DESTROYED - 31,025,929; HECTARES - 129.16.

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES: FIELDS DESTROYED - 16;

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 25,000; PLANTS DESTROYED - 277,000;

HECTARES - 2.5.

C. PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT:

ON 12/27/75 DR. GERTZ MET WITH COMMANDER OF

35TH MILITARY ZONE REQUESTING ASSIGNMENT OF MORE MAN-

POWER TO CAMPAIGN. HE REPORTED THAT 35TH MILITARY

ZONE WOULD SUPPLY TOTAL OF 750 SOLDIERS. IN OTHER AREAS

MANPOWER AVAILABILITY HAS BEEN POOR, ESPECIALLY IN

TRI-STATE AREA OF SINALOA, CHIHUAHUA AND DURANGO. THERE

IS ALSO SERIOUS PROBLEM IN STATE OF COLIMA. DR.

GERTZ EXPECTS TO MEET WITH COLOMA MILITARY ZONE COMMANDER AND

OBTAIN BETTER SUPPORT. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SHORTAGE

OF HELICOPTER PILOTS AND MFJP PERSONNEL DURING THIS WEEK.

WE EXPECT TO HAVE NEAR TO TOTAL PRESENCE OF ALL

PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THIS CAMPAIGN BY JAN. 5.

D. ARRESTS OF OPIUM AND MARIHUANA CULTIVATORS:

NONE

E. AVIATION OPERATIONS: (1) NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN BASED ON

AVAILABLE 4-DAY FIGURES FROM 12/26 TO 12/29/75.

A. MODEL 212 - 57:06 HRS AVAILABILITY 50 PERCENT

B. MODEL 206 - 30:12 HRS. AVAILABILITY 63.6 PERCENT

C. CESSNA 185 - 4:05 A HRS. AVAILABILITY 83.3 PERCENT

D. AERO COMMANDER - 38:08 HRS. AVAILABILITY 96 PERCENT.

THERE IS NO REPORT OF THESE AIRCRAFT BEING UTILIZED DURING

DEC. 30 AND 31. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT

UTILIZATION OF AERO COMMANDERS DURING THIS TIME FRAME

WAS FOR SUPPORT OF PERSONNEL AND NOT ON ACTUAL ERADICATION

MISSION.

(2) OF 3 SIMPLEX SYSTEMS THAT HAVE ARRIVED, TWO

HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ON BELL 206S. OTHER ARRIVED

DAMAGED BUT IS BEING REPAIRED AND WILL BE INSTALLED THIS

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WEEK. DR. GERTZ HAS ADVISED THAT 3 BELL 206S WILL BE

ASSIGNED TO SINALOA/DURANGO AREA. OTHER 206

EQUIPPED WITH SIMPLEX II IS CURRENTLY SEEING ACTION

IN GUERRERO. WE EXPECT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF SPRAYING

FROM NOW ON.

(F) MOPS AND OTHER POPPY DETECTION INTELLIGENCE:

1. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT.

AERO COMMANDER CONTINUES TO BE GROUNDED DUE TO

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE. SECOND MOPS SYSTEM IS UNDER-
GOING INSTALLATION AT NEW HANGAR AND IS NOT IN
OPERATION.

2. NO RECON FLIGHTS WERE CONDUCTED OR PHOTO-
GRAPH MISSIONS RELATIVE TO MOPS PROGRAM.

(G) COMMUNICATIONS:

1. WE CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES
WITH COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. IT MAY NOT BE OF VITAL
IMPORTANCE AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, WITH MORE MANPOWER
ASSIGNED TO CAMPAGN AND MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT
IT WILL BECOME NECESSITY TO HAVE GOOD COMMUNICATIONS.
DR. GERTZ HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ATTEND TO THIS PROBLEM.
THIS COMING WEEK WE HAVE MEETING WITH DR. GERTZ AND
HIS STAFF AND THIS PROBLEM WILL BE RAISED AND MEANS
TO SOLVE IT.

(H) HERBICIDES:

1. AFTER A PERIOD OF TESTING, SPRAYING CON-
DUCTED BY MFJP PILOTS IS NOW WITH CHEMICAL SUBSTANCT 24D
AND IS STRONGER COMBINATION THAN PARAQUAT. WE EXPECT
WIDER USE F SPRAY ERADICATION IN WEEKS TO COME.

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3. INTERDICTION

ZONE 1 - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO
AND CHIHUAHUA.

3.225 KILOS OF OPIUM GUM
2 TONS 118 KILOS MARIHUANA

1 KILO 360 GRAMS PEYOTE
3 AUTOMOBILES
1. AIRCRAFT
11 DEFENDANTS

ZONE 2 - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA,
ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.
712 KILOS MARIHUANA
1 AUTOMOBILE
5 DEFENDANTS

ZONE 3 - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS & OACACA.
1 KILO 650 GRAMS OF OPIUM GUM
1 KILO 300 GRAMS MARIHUANA
1 RIFLE
2 HAND GUNS
4 DEFENDANTS

TOTAL CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION FIGURES (ALL 3 ZONES)
70 TONS 32 KILOS MARIHUANA
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120 KILS 750 GRAMS MARIHUANA SEEDS
31 KILOS 542 GRAMS HEROIN
3 KILOS 813 GRAMS COCAINE
220 GRAMS MORPHINE BASE
5 HEROIN CONVERSION LABS
4,050,000 MINI-BENNIES
79.58 KILOS OF OPIUM GUM
3 PILL PRESSES
1 KILO 360 GRAMS PEYOTE
23 GRAMS BENEZEDRINE
5 GRAMS HASHISH
4 GRAMS AMPHETAMINE
55 MANDRAX PILLS
16 TRUCKS
2 TRAILER TRUCKS
56 AUTOMOBILES
100 HAND GUNS
41 RIFLES
1 SHRIMP BOAT
4 AIRCRAFT
3,050 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION
20 STICKS OF DYNAITE
252 DEFENDANTS

B. USE OF INTERDICTION UNITS
SAME AS PREVIOUS.

C. N/A

D. N/A

E. N/A

F. N/A

G. MISSION ANALYSIS OF TRENDS
SAME AS PREVIOUS REPORT.

4. COMMENTS: THE MOST SIGNIFICANT COMMENT IS THE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO ATTORNEYS GENERAL ON 12/29/75 AT ACAPULCO, GUERRERO, MEXICO. THE MAJORITY OF THE DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND MEXICO'S INTENSIFIED ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. MEXICAN AG OJEDA PAULLADA RECOGNIZED THE POLITICAL PRESSURE GENERATED IN THE U.S. AND THE NEED FOR MEXICO TO RESPOND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE VIGOROUSLY TO THE CHALLENGE. THE MEETING SERVED TO FOCUS ON GOM'S LACK OF RESPONSE ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN AND TO EMPHASIZE USG'S POSITION. AG LEVY'S MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD ESCALATED OUR CONCERN WHILE DIPLOMATICALLY DEMANDING A MORE FAVORABLE OVERALL COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF GOM. AS OJEDA-PAULLADA ASSISTED BY DR. GERTZ, POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR RECEIVING THE ADDITIONAL SIMPLEX II SYSTEMS ASAP. HE STATED THAT THE LACK OF THIS EQUIPMENT COULD MEAN THE FAILURE OF THIS CAMPAIGN. (WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE FIVE MORE SYSTEMS BY JANUARY 15TH, 1976.). ALTHOUGH WE HAVE CLEARLY VOICED OUR CONCERN REGARDING GOM'S SHOWING TO DATE (RELATIVE TO LAST YEAR IT ACTUALLY IS BETTER) WE FEEL THAT THE PRESSURES THUS FAR HAVE GENERATED THE INTEREST NECESSARY ON THE PART OF THE GOM FOR AN ALL-OUT COMMITMENT. WE WILL HOWEVER CONTINUE TO APPLY THE INFLUENCE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THEIR MOMENTUM.
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